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Mr. M. F. Ahearn,
Director of Athletics,
Kansas State College,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Mike:

Since the head coaching job of football is open at your institution, I am writing to place before you the name of a very good friend of mine and a man who is outstanding in football, academics and leadership in physical education and athletics.

Dudley S. DeGroot, Ph. D. from Stanford University, was captain of the 1922 Stanford football team under Andy Kerr. Dudley DeGroot was the A.P. All-American selection in 1922, as well as on the Pacific Coast set-up. He is a wearer of the Phi Beta Kappa key which attests to his academic excellence. At the present time he is in the east in conference with President Alan Valentine, of the University of Rochester, who was a Rhodes Scholar and a teammate with Dudley DeGroot on the United States Rugby Team which won the Olympic title in Paris.

Dudley DeGroot was one of the officials at Treasure Island last winter in the play-off of the National Collegiate Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth District basketball championship. John Burn and I had charge of the tournament and I was deeply impressed with DeGroot's personality, judgment and poise in handling those very difficult assignments. Three weeks later I appeared with him on a program of the National Physical Education Association in San Francisco. DeGroot was president in 1937 of the Southwest Physical Education Association.

This fall Mr. DeGroot flew back from San Jose to scout Drake University at Tulsa. He stopped in Lawrence for a visit overnight with his brother, E. B. DeGroot, who is in our Department of Physical Education. Mr. DeGroot came to us this fall after a wonderful recommendation from John Burn, dean of men at Stanford. Our Mr. DeGroot has the master's degree with a major in history from Stanford. He won his letter in pole vaulting on Dink Templeton's track team.

I mention these things only to give you a background of my interest in both Mr. DeGroot and Kansas State. As you know, Mr. DeGroot is Director of Physical Education and Athletics at San Jose, where he has coached the football team for a number of years.